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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Olga Hernandez

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/18/02 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Cook is not prior art. However, If the application is a continuation or divisional of one or more earlier U.S. applications or international applications and if the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 120 and 365(c), respectively, have been satisfied, the effective filing date is the same as the earliest filing date in the line of continuation or divisional applications. Cooks is a continuation of patent # 6,732,101, filed on 6/15/00. Therefore, Cook is a valid prior art. Further, applicant argues that the new added limitations are not taught by the prior art. Again, the examiner disagrees. Cook discloses acknowledging messages is proofreading and performing checking of the address in paragraphs [0092], [0104], [0115], [0146]. Therefore, this rejection is made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-20, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cook (2004/0025057).

As per claims 1, 2, 12 and 13, Cook discloses generating a draft of the message, proofreading the draft signing the draft of the message and acknowledging message is proofread and finished, only after signing the draft and acknowledging proofread and finished permitting addressing of the message performing checking of the address and only after addressing the message and performing checking of the address and signing the draft permitting sending the E-mail (abstract, paragraphs [0046]-[0049], [0071]-[0073], [0092], [0104], [0115], [0146]).

As per claims 3, 18-20, Cook discloses in paragraphs [0123]-[0126], said draft is placed on a colored screen that changes color after signing the draft.

As per claim 4, Cook discloses the change of color after the addressing the envelopes in paragraphs [0123]-[0126]).

As per claim 5, Cook discloses acknowledging it is signed (paragraphs [0036], [0046]-[0049], [0071]-[0073]).

As per claim 6, Cook discloses acknowledging includes placing a label indicating a signature (paragraphs [0046]-[0049], [0071]-[0073]).

As per claim 7, Cook discloses said label includes a marking on a form paragraphs [0046]-[0049], [0071]-[0073]).

As per claims 8 and 11, Cook discloses providing a list of addresses and an indication of who gets copies and inherently if you are not in the list it is understood that party did not get a copy (paragraphs [0046]-[0049], [0055], [0071]-[0073]).

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As per claim 9, Cooks discloses generating a draft if not signed and proofread (abstract, paragraphs [0046]-[0049], [0071]-[0073], [0092], [0104], [0115], [0146]).

As per claims 10, 11 and 17, Cook discloses a listing of who gets a full copy and who gets a blind copy (paragraphs [0084], [0147]).

As per claim 14, Cook discloses automatically providing and addressing screen to address the message (figures 2-4).

As per claim 15, Cook discloses the form of an envelope (figures 2-4).

As per claim 16, Cook discloses checking to determine the salutation of the draft matches the address (paragraphs [0055], [0059]).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga Hernandez whose telephone number is 571-272-7144. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8:30am-7:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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